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SUBJECT: PODGORNY VISIT

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1. SUMMARY: MOZAMBIQUE AND USSR SIGN GENERAL TREATY OF COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP. DETAILS OF ACCORD TO BE PUBLISHED IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE AT LATER DATE. PODGORNY ADDRESSES PUBLIC RALLY IN CENTER OF MAPUTO. PODGORNY DEPARTS MORNING OF APRIL 1 FOR TANZANIA. END SUMMARY.

2. COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY: ON EVE OF THE CONCLUSION OF PRESIDENT PODGORNY'S FOUR DAY TRIP TO MOZAMBIQUE, GPRM AND SOVIET UNION ANNOUNCED THE SIGNING MARCH 31 OF A GENERAL TREATY OF COOPERATION AND FRIEND-  
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SHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, DETAILS OF THE TREATY WILL BE RELEASED LATER (AND SIMULTANEOUSLY IN MAPUTO AND MOSCOW) IN THE FORM OF A JOINT COMMUNIQUE. THE TREATY WAS SIGNED ON BEHALF OF GPRM BY PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL AND FOREIGN MINISTER JOAQUIM CHISSANO AND ON BEHALF OF USSR BY PRESIDENT PODGORNY AND SOVIET VICE-FOREIGN MINISTER LEONID ILITCHEV.

3. DURING SIGNING CEREMONY, PRESIDENT MACHEL SAID THAT MOZAMBIQUE "CONSIDERS THE DOCUMENT THAT WE HAVE JUST SIGNED A MIXTURE OF THE BLOOD OF THE MOZAMBIKAN AND SOVIET PEOPLE." THE TREATY LAYS THE "FUNDAMENTAL FOUNDATION" FOR GREATER COOPERATION AND "SATISFIES THE WILL OF OUR TWO PEOPLES." PODGORNYY SAID THE NEW ACCORD WOULD BRIDGE THE GEOGRAPHICAL DIFFERENCES THAT SEPARATE THE TWO COUNTRIES AND WOULD HELP "TO ELEVATE THE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY THAT ALREADY EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES TO A MUCH HIGHER LEVEL."

4. PODGORNYY SPEAKS AT PUBLIC RALLY: AFTERNOON OF MARCH 31, PODGORNYY DELIVERED AN HOUR LONG SPEECH IN THE CENTER OF MAPUTO BEFORE AN ESTIMATED TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE. (FULL TEXT FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL.) PODGORNYY REFERRED OFTEN TO FORTHCOMING CELEBRATIONS OF RUSSIA'S 1917 REVOLUTION AND ITS IMPORTANCE TO "SOCIALIST" AND COMMUNIST WORLD, PRAISED FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE GPRM AND SOVIET UNION, CONDEMNED CONTINUOUS IMPERIALIST MANEUVERS AGAINST AFRICAN STATES WITH "SOCIALIST ORIENTATIONS" AND STATED THAT PRINCIPAL GOAL OF SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY IS TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY.

5. ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, PODGORNYY SAID THAT IN THE LAST FEW YEARS THE "RESISTANCE OF THE RACISTS" TO ALLOW THE PEOPLE TO RECLAIM THEIR JUST RIGHTS HAS AGGRAVATED THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND TRANSFORMED RHODESIA, NAMIBIA, AND SOUTH AFRICA INTO ONE OF THE WORLD'S HOT SPOTS."THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SOVIET UNION, BEING CONSISTENTLY A PEACE-LOVING STATE MANIFESTS ITS SUPPORT FOR THE PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF ALL INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS BY NOT EMPLOYING THE USE OF FORCE IN INTERSTATE RELATIONS. HOWEVER, WE REJECT CATEGORICALLY THE DISTORTED INTERPRETATION OF THESE HIGH PRINCIPLES BY IMPERIALIST REACTIONARIES WHO, SPECULATING ABOUT THE IDEALS OF REMOVAL OF TENSION, CONTEND THAT TENSION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA HAS BEEN CREATED NOT BY THE HATED RACIST REGIMES, BUT BY THE ARMED STRUGGLE AGAINST THESE REGIMES, AND BY THE SUPPORT OF THIS STRUGGLE BY THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND OTHER STATES. THERE IS A FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ARMED AGGRESSION AND THE LEGITIMATE RIGHT TO FIRMLY REPEL IT AND THE CRIMINAL ACTIONS OF THE RACIST REGIMES AND THE LEGITIMATE AND JUST STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE TO FIGHT AGAINST RACISM. THE KEY TO THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA IS IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLES OF THESE COUNTRIES, AND NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO DICTATE TO THEM ABOUT WHAT PATH TO TAKE TO OBTAIN FREEDOM OR TO DECIDE THE DESTINIES OF THEIR HOMELANDS BEHIND THEIR BACKS."

6. ON GPRM-MOZAMBIQUE RELATIONS: PODGORNÝ NOTED THE LONG ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION CP AND FRELIMO AND SAID THAT RUSSIA WAS ONE OF THE FIRST STATES TO RECOGNIZE MOZAMBIQUE. SINCE MOZAMBIQUE'S INDEPENDENCE, THE SOVIET UNION HAD GIVEN MOZAMBIQUE ASSISTANCE IN MANY AREAS, INCLUDING FISHING, AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION, RAILWAYS, SHIPPING, EDUCATION, PUBLIC HEALTH, SCIENCE AND CULTURE. PODGORNÝ INDICATED THAT RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY WERE CONTINUING AND THAT THEY WERE THE FORCES WHICH UNITED MOZAMBIQUE AND THE SOVIET UNION.

7. PODGORNÝ VISIT DRAWS TO A CLOSE: AFTER A SHORT AIRPORT CEREMONY, PRESIDENT PODGORNÝ DEPARTS MAPUTO TO TANZANIA AT APPROXIMATELY 0930 LOCAL TIME APRIL 1. DE PREE

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